

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The following is a summary of a telephonic interview attended by Examiner Katherine Salmon, Supervisory Examiner Ram Shukla, and Applicants' representative Susan L. Wang, on July 23, 2008. Applicants wish to thank the Examiners for their time and consideration.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

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Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Morton *et al.* and Choo *et al.*

Proposed Amendments

Modification of the claim language to more specifically define the diagnostic hearing loss sequences on the microarray to be those that relate to genetic sequences found in CDH23, MYO7A, OTOF, SLC26A4 and USH2A genes was discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 was discussed.

Results of Interview

It was noted that the proposed amendments should help to place the application in condition for allowance.